2018 OFMA Junior Fair Conference
Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Club Booth Displays
Russ Mayer, Morrow County Junior Fair Board Advisor
Displaying your club members’ project accomplishments at fair can always be a challenge, we will explore presentation styles, themes and judging criteria. Attendees will have a time to share what their fair does.

HooFIT at the Fair with 4-H BioBand
Patty House, Extension Educator – Clark County & Dr. Bob Horton, State 4-H Specialist
Are you looking to add tech Fun and Fitness to those treks across the fairgrounds? Come and build a 4-H BioBand fitness tracker and engage in the HooFIT Challenge! Brainstorm activities to put this tech-friendly device in action at your Fair.

Running The Show
Jacci Smith, Extension Program Coordinator – Delaware County & Tim Barnes, Extension Educator – Marion County
Session covers the who, what, when, where, and why of working behind the scenes at livestock shows. Topics for success include the staffing, positions, procedural steps, physical guidelines (animals in the ring), and judge’s expectations from show administration, parents, and exhibitors.

Working & Playing as a Group (Teens and Adults)
Larry Hall, Extension Educator – Knox County
How can adults and teens function as a group if they don’t spend time together? Experience ways to have fun and open lines of communication between Junior and Senior Fair Board members in this active session. A handout will be provided.

11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

A Step Beyond – Experienced JFB Members Explore the World of Entertainment Contracts
Andrea Rees, Extension Educator - Knox County
This program will provide experienced JFB members, who have completed at least two previous years of service, an opportunity to take the lead in securing entertainment for their fair. Participants will work with trade show vendors, OFMA Board Members, and OSUE professionals to explore the many aspects of working with those big shows – musical acts, rough truck, truck and tractor pulls, and so much more! Pre-Registration Required. Fifty participants will be accepted, with no more than five from any one county.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dealing with Those Challenging People
Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator – Richland County
Participants will learn a practical approach to understanding, preparing for and dealing with exhibitors, parents, observers, volunteers and other people who pose difficult situations for the Junior Fair. Session will include role-playing and discussion of various Junior Fair program situations.

Farm Chore Olympics
Adrienne Anderson, Extension Program Assistant – Licking County
What is a Farm Chore Olympics? Come and find out - and get tips on how to start a similar program at your fair.
Great Expectations
Katie Feldhues, Extension Educator – Ross County & Ross County Junior Fair Board Members
The session will explore a wide variety of expectations for Junior Fair Board members, as well as choices they can make in their actions that meet the expectations and therefore keep everyone happy.

Hit the Road! Make Time to Gather Ideas from Other Fairs.
Lisa McCutcheon, Extension Educator - Licking County & Hartford Senior and Junior Fair Board Members
Come explore the many benefits that can be experienced by visiting with other fairs. Whether you travel or host; whether the fair is in operation or simply preparing to get underway; the opportunities to gain ideas and information are endless! During this session, participants will explore the benefits of visiting with board members of another fair.

It’s Show Time!
Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County
“Now entering the ring, Market Gilts Class 1.” It’s time for the show to begin and you are asked to step up to the microphone. Are you ready? Learn more about you can develop skills to enhance your public speaking and recordkeeping skills to be an effective youth member of your Show Committee that adults can trust and depend upon to get the job done. Learn how to effectively coach your peers to enrich their public speaking experiences while understanding the process for announcing a Junior Fair Show.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Insights on a Cohesive Relationship between Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Boards
Margo Long, Extension Educator – Marion County & Marion County JFB Members
With a new 4-H educator and a transition year, the Marion County Junior and Senior Fair Boards work together to provide a positive fair experience for all. The presentation would focus a few key components on how they have worked together.

Talking Beyond Words
Morgan Domokos, Extension Educator – Medina County & Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator – Ashtabula County
Understand the many ways to communicate with Fair-goers, Jr. Fair Families, Fair Representatives and 4-H volunteers while representing your best-self as well as the fair. Understand the benefits of communicating using various communication tools beyond the spoken word.

What’s New? Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences Program Updates
Lucinda Miller - State 4-H Specialist, Nancy Snook, Extension Educator – Noble County & Dustin Homan - State 4-H Program Manager
Attend this session to learn what’s new in 4-H Animal Sciences programming: Youth Quality Assurance, Livestock, Companion and Small Animals, Judging Clinics and Contests, Knowledge Bowl Competitions, Scholarships, and State Fair Youth Opportunities. Participants will also have the chance to share what “Makes the Best Better” in their counties.

You Got This!
Joy Sharp, Extension Educator - Pickaway County & Laura Rohlf, Extension Educator – Henry County
You have reached your goal of serving on your Junior Fair Board, what happens next? Whether you are a newbie or a rep with experience- this session will focus on your roles in planning, delivering and evaluating your Junior Fair Program.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

4-H Horse Updates
Dr. Kim Cole, Extension Equine Specialist
Updates on new classes and changes to the 2018 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.

4-H STEM... The Fair Way
Ohio 4-H STEM Design Team Members
Experience first-hand the science and engineering behind some of your favorite Fair activities. Gear up with fellow Jr. Fair Board members to take on a STEM Challenge or two. Leave with the tools to implement a successful STEM Challenge day, event or competition at your Fair.
Accommodating Differently Abled Youth at County Junior Fairs
Laura Akgerman, OSU Disability Services Coordinator, Laryssa Hook – Extension Educator – Delaware County & Heather Gottke, Extension Educator – Van Wert County
Come learn about the “Winning 4-H Plan” and how Senior Fair Board members and county 4-H professionals can work together to help 4-H youth, families, and volunteers ensure that 4-H members with disabilities can participate to the best of their abilities. Hear scenarios and solutions, ask questions, and be inspired to think creatively and inclusively.

Biosecurity Basics
Dr. Tony Forshey, Ohio Department of Agriculture – State Veterinarian
There are a number of ways that fairs can increase biosecurity, and it doesn’t always have to be difficult. Come and learn what Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Board members can do and say to assist with keeping animals and fair visitors healthy and happy throughout the fair!

Catapulting a Committee
Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County
You've been assigned or volunteered to serve on a committee or team, now what? As a representative to a committee or team you may find yourself trying to figure out what to do next. Learn how to push forward as an engaged, motivated committee or team member to set committee work in action and catapulting it forward!

Emergencies at the Fair
Stephen Heppe, Extension Program Assistant – Wayne County & Ashley Hughley, Extension Educator – Portage County
Emergencies can strike at any time. We need to know how to be prepared! Does your fair have an Emergency Plan how do you fit within it? How can Jr fair members help in preparing for emergencies and what can they do?

How do I Become the Best Junior Fair Board Member I Can Be?
Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator – Richland County
Participants will self-analyze what they hope to gain from the Junior Fair Board experience, then set personal goals to meet their expectations. Session will include role playing and discussion of what it takes to be a good Junior Fair Board member.

Pee Wee Programming Starts with YOUth
Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator – Ashtabula County & Ashtabula Junior Fair Board Members and Advisors
Tired of pizza eating and frog jumping? Learn new ideas to engage Pee Wees, Cloverbuds and young fair-goers at the County Fair.

Thank You Matters!
Katie Feldhues, Extension Educator – Ross County & Ross County Junior Fair Board Members
Every Jr. Fair programs operates with the help of advisors, volunteers, buyers, sponsors, Senior Fair Board, teachers, parents and countless others. Yet, every year fewer youth send thank you notes. This session will share the struggle of teaching a generation how to write good thank you notes and offer many skill stations and tools that can be incorporated through the year to help youth practice writing thank you notes.

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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Animal & Me... Give People with Special Needs a Chance to Shine
Angie Holmes, Extension Educator – Erie County
“Animal & Me” has become a wonderful addition to our fair, which provides youth with special needs the opportunity to show an animal. It has gotten youth and adults involved that never would have had the chance otherwise. Learn how you can start this event in your county.
Become a Microphone Master
Jessica Rockey, Extension Educator – Perry County & Jamie McConnell, Extension Educator - Muskingum County
As a Junior Fair Board member, you will have plenty of opportunities to speak in front of others – from your peers at a meeting to an arena full of spectators. Are you prepared? This session will focus on the skills and tools you need to become a dynamic public speaker and a MASTER of the microphone!

Building a Successful Youth Day at Your Fair
Kelly Coble Extension Educator – Allen County, Sarah Jackson, Program Assistant – Allen County, Blair Emerick & Allen County Junior Leaders
Utilizing the Junior Leadership programs of the county to fundraise, promote, facilitate and host a youth event at the fair is essential to creating a successful and meaningful Youth Day for the program as well as the community.

Bring Your SKILLS to Our Skillathon
Dustin Homan - State 4-H Program Manager, Lucinda Miller - State 4-H Specialist, Lydia Ulry, Ariel Watson & Kate Sherman
Skillathon events are an exciting and effective way of learning and evaluating knowledge. Join the team who coordinates the animal science skillathons at the Ohio State Fair to demonstrate what you know, and take home ideas for your fair.

Everything is OK, until it is Not: Risk Management for Junior Fair Exhibits
Jackie Krieger, Extension Educator – Summit County
A three ring circus is nothing compared to a junior fair! Horses, large and small animal projects, booths, lots of people, lots of kids – everywhere - lots of moving parts, lots of food, lots of opportunities for fun and great memories, AND chances for loss. An insurance company reports that “most horse and animal related claims do occur during local fairs and competitions”. We’ll explore risk management with a focus on keeping junior fair participants and their animals safe.

Farm animals and food safety: identifying and managing risks in a reasonable way
Abby Snyder, Field Specialist – Food Safety and Management
Outbreaks of foodborne illnesses are a concern that can be addressed by fair participants. Animals can be vectors of gastrointestinal illness (like E. coli, Salmonella, and Campylobacter) and a clear-eyed discussion of risks and risk management strategies among junior fair participants is needed.

How [un]Ethical Are You?
Kirk Blair, Associate State 4-H Leader
We all have biases that influence our perceptions, decisions, and actions made in our Junior / Senior Fair Board roles. This session explores levels of rightness and wrongness of words and actions within the context of Ohio fairs.

STEM Challenges @ the Fair
Elliott Lawrence, Extension Educator – Lucas County
Are you looking for some new exciting and hands-on activities for your Fair? Experience for yourself how science and engineering challenges are both Fun and educational. Leave with the tools to be able to facilitate them yourself and train others to help you.

Still (Non-livestock) Exhibit Ideas for Fair - a roundtable sharing session
Larry Hall, Extension Educator – Knox County
Fairs are known for their livestock exhibits, but what do people do to enhance exhibition of still/miscellaneous projects? Come prepared to share ideas from your fairs. Ideas will be compiled and made available to attendees.

Talking to the Public about your fair
Stephen Heppe, Extension Program Assistant – Wayne County & Ashley Hughley, Extension Educator – Portage County
We all have to deal with the public at our fair. We might as well know how to talk to the public about our fair and keep it in a positive direction!